

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: September 9, 2010

**SUBJECT: Federal Title II Formula Block Grant,
Tribal Youth Grant Program**

AGENDA ITEM: 4

RESOURCE PERSON: Helene Zentner

**ACTION:
INFORMATION: X**

Summary:

This item provides information regarding the Federal Title II Tribal Youth Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP).

Background:

The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002 reauthorized the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to administer the Title II Formula Grants program, which supports state and local delinquency prevention/intervention efforts and juvenile justice system improvements. Funds awarded to each state must be used for programs operated by local public and private agencies and federally recognized tribal governments with law enforcement function(s). California's award for fiscal year 2010-2011 is \$6,970,000.

The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP) determines the allocation of the Title II federal award through the development the Formula Grant Comprehensive Three-Year State Plan which provides funding for local direct service programs, compliance monitoring and administrative activities. The SACJJDP allocated \$240,000 for California tribal governments to develop local programs that address juvenile justice issues. Per federal statute, the allocation of these funds must be competitive.

As the designated State agency that administers the federal juvenile justice grants programs, the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) utilizes the Executive Steering Committee (ESC) process for the development of competitive RFPs. The Tribal Youth ESC, comprised of subject matter experts (Attachment A), was established solely for the purpose of developing this funding opportunity and was charged with not only making recommendations on the technical requirements, rating criteria and evaluation process for the RFP but also the rating of the proposals. Based on the results of the proposal evaluation process, the ESC will make funding recommendations to the SACJJDP in early November; subsequent their approval, staff will present the grant award funding recommendations on their behalf to this body at its November meeting.

On August 11th, the SACJJDP approved the release of the Tribal Youth Grant Program RFP (Attachment B). Based on the subject matter expertise of the ESC members, this juvenile justice funding opportunity is built upon the beliefs and values associated with Native culture (as defined in the Gathering of Native Americans - GONA principles):

1. Belonging: Creating a Culture of Inclusion
2. Mastery: Starting a Path to Healing
3. Interdependence: Fostering Personal and Community Development
4. Generosity: Honoring the Tradition of Giving back to the Community

Secondly, and with the above values in mind, the following key elements have been embedded into the application to ensure the support of the tribes/tribal people and that it is aligned with the specific cultural needs, as designated by the Tribal Prevention Program; this will also enhance the deliverables for our Tribal youth:

- “Nation Building”;
- Culture, Cultivation of Leadership, and Transformational Sustainability; and
- Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC).

Recommendation/Action Needed:

Information only.